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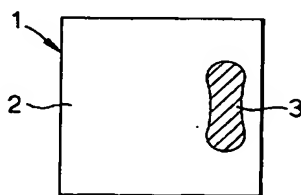
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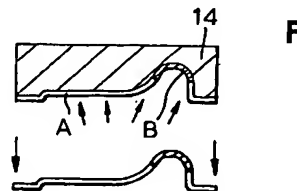
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(57) Abstract: A method of forming and a blank therefor, in which the blank (1) comprises a parent body (2) and at least one insert (3), at least one of which is made of a material which possesses superplastic properties. The insert (3) is joined to the parent body (2) by friction stir welding. The primary purpose of the invention is to provide a blank for a forming process during which some parts of the blank are required to deform to an extent which requires superplastic properties, whereas the remaining parts of the blank are deformed to a lesser extent.